



# Foundation Livestock Relief Program (FLRP)

**Background:** Severe weather conditions primarily in North and South Dakota have created extreme hardship for livestock producers. Feed requirements for maintaining livestock have been approximately 150 percent of normal during this period. The prolonged, extreme weather conditions in the area have caused severe nutritional problems for cattle, causing cows to die or abort their calves. USDA developed the Foundation Livestock Relief Program to provide assistance to eligible livestock producers in the impacted areas.

**Basic Program Provisions:** FSA will provide assistance in a manner similar to the Disaster Reserve Assistance Program (DRAP) with a 30 percent cost share on the lesser of the actual feed costs or the computed 30 days of normal feed ration (15.7 lbs. of corn per day per animal unit).

The 30-day feed allowance per animal unit is calculated by multiplying the cost of corn at \$2.56/bu (\$.05 per pound) by the maintenance ration of corn which is 15.7 lbs. per day per animal unit ( $\$.05 \times 15.7 = \$.785$ ) by 30 days ( $\$.785 \times 30 = \$23.55$ ) by the 30% cost share rate ( $\$23.55 \times .3 = \$7.07$ ).

Producers will have to present purchase receipts to receive assistance. Only receipts reflecting purchases from January 10 through February 25 will be accepted.

Producers will not have to meet the loss criteria established for DRAP or the feed on hand criteria applicable to DRAP.

Eligible animal units shall be limited to foundation herds and replacement livestock in counties named in Presidential Disaster Declarations M1156 and M1157. These declarations include all counties in South and North Dakota plus the contiguous counties of:

- Lyon, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury in Iowa;
- Big Stone, Clay, Kittson, Lac qui Parle, Marshall, Norman, Pipestone, Polk, Rock, Traverse, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine in Minnesota;
- Carter, Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Wibaux in Montana; and
- Boyd, Cedar, Cherry, Dakota, Dawes, Dixon, Keya Paha, Knox, Sheridan, and Sioux in Nebraska; and Crook, Niobrara and Weston in Wyoming.

**For more information,** producers in the eligible counties need to contact their local County FSA office where details on the program will be available in a few days.

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